

General Information

Law enforcement officers may impound vehicles or vessels for abandonment, driving under the influence (DUI), improper or expired registration, revoked registration due to lack of insurance and for other offenses such as drug-related crimes. The proper storage, accounting, release or sale of impounded vehicles/vessels is an important DMV function. The DMV helps ensure:

- Stolen vehicles are recovered;
- Vehicles necessary as evidence for criminal prosecution are not released prematurely;
- Impounded vehicles are released to their proper owners, only after proper registration and payment of fees;
- Released vehicles are not subsequently advertised for auction.

Related Information

- [Impound Notification Requirements](#) - Click here to find out how the DMV is required to notify vehicle owners that their vehicle has been impounded.
- [Impounded Vehicle Sales](#) - The Utah State Tax Commission may sell any impounded vehicle that is not recovered by the legal owner within 30 days of the date of seizure. These sales are performed by way of public auction at the impound yard where the vehicle is located.
- [Impounded Vehicle Service](#) - Click here if you need help locating or retrieving an impounded vehicle.
- [Information for Impound Yards](#) - Click here if you are a business providing tow truck services that is interested in being certified as a Utah State Tax Commission Impound Yard.
- [Retrieving an Impounded Vehicle](#) - Click here to find out how to retrieve a vehicle from impound.
- [State Impound Yard Directory](#) - Click here to search for a specific impound yard.